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METHOD FOR SORTING POSTAL ITEMS IN A PLURALITY OF SORTING
PASSES

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The method of sorting postal items in a plurality of
sorting passes using at least one sorting machine having
sorting outlets constituted by bins consists in using
digital fingerprints (V_ID) identifying the items in a
10 data processor system for automatic address recognition
by OCR and/or by video coding. During the first sorting
pass, the digital fingerprints of the items are recorded
in association with the identification numbers (Bin_ID)
of the bins. During the second sorting pass, these
15 digital fingerprints and bin identification numbers are
recovered in order to constitute a database (DB) which is
updated by counting (46, 47, 48) the fingerprint matches
obtained for each loaded bin and by counting consecutive
accesses to the database that occur without obtaining a
20 fingerprint match.

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